

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE
WOOD RIVER WATERSHED ADVISORY GROUP
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2003
CAREY, ID**

Chairman Daryle James, called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Carol Blackburn, Roger Parker, Bob Simpson, Clint Krahn, Mark Dallon, Chuck Pentzer, Maureen Meagher, Mike McDonald, William Hazen, Jerry Nance, Lynn Harmon, and DEQ representatives Jennifer Claire and Sonny Buhidar with Secretary Dana Sturgeon.

Minutes for the January 28, 2003 meeting were reviewed and revisions made. Carol made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Clint seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote unanimous.

Daryle reported on a comprehensive plan meeting held yesterday in Hailey. Wendy Pabich, Professor at MIT, made a presentation on nitrate loading modeling system. They are looking at areas in the watershed that could possibly be problem areas for high nitrate levels.

He also said we need to meet with Carol Brown, SNRA, to see if the Forest Service will be staying with the same quota for sites that they presently have. The Board had no problem with the Chairman contacting her concerning this matter. Sonny suggested that Daryle contact Valdon Hancock, USFS and coordinate a meeting with him as well. He is located out of the Twin Falls office. They are concerned about the section of water from Galena Summit to the SNRA.

Roger asked if the forest service has any camping regulations in place regarding distances from lakes and streams. Sonny said that some of their recreational mandates require certain type of setbacks. Their best success has been in controlled campsites areas that are regulated with daily usage and hours.

Sonny wants to make sure Valdon knows that he (Sonny) suggested that Daryle call him and set up a meeting with him. Val is aware that we are trying to get the implementation part of this and a commitment from them. He needs to understand this is not just a DEQ concern but also a request from the Watershed Advisory Group.

Daryle said they also talked about set backs, view corridors and other misnomers in comprehensive plans that need to be straightened out. We need to know if a view corridor is the same thing as a set back. We need to make certain we have definitions for what they are and try to get them implemented in the comprehensive plans.

Sonny said that the subdivision component for the non-point source is starting to pick up. He has seen some major subdivision plans, which are going into the Camas Creek, Little Wood & Big Wood area. Depending on where they are located, new subdivision, not hooked up to existing uses and facilities, but to septic systems will have to go through a nutrient pathogen study.

The nutrient pathogen study is being linked to the TMDL. That way the number of pounds of phosphorous and nitrogen that come from a subdivision on a daily basis, gets incorporated into the TMDL and becomes a component of the TMDL. Subdivisions can continue to grow as long as they do not exceed the nonpoint source numbers allowed in the TMDL.

There will be another comprehensive plan review meeting in April.

Daryle reported for Jo on the proposed informational brochures for the watershed. She is looking at printing 1,000 copies. Currently she has 10 pages of information and has received various price quotes for the cost of printing. She has checked with several businesses and received quotes ranging from \$ 1,322.00 to \$ 2,240. Clint suggested she contact the Camas Courier and Carol said that the Land Trust has a lot of printing done and might have a suggestion. Kinko's was also suggested.

The Board would like to see what she is proposing and see if anything can be condensed down to save on the amount of pages. Daryle will visit with Jo.

Sonny mentioned that the Malad Hydro Project is nearing completion. Ryan Hoelscher, Idaho Power, would be the person to contact if the Board is interested in learning more about it.

Sonny presented a hand out of a community meeting held in Carey on January 30,2003. The meeting was held due to drinking water wells concerns in the City of Carey and surrounding areas.

Bob said he has three (3) power point presentations on ground water information and he would be willing to provide them to anyone interested in viewing them.

The WAG March meeting will be held on the 25th in Fairfield Carey at 7:00 p.m. at the Sawtooth Forest Service Office. The April meeting was scheduled for Carey on the 22nd at 7:30 p.m. at the Carey City Hall.

Meeting adjourned.

Daryle James, Chairman